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SUBJECT: BREZHNEV VISIT TO FRG: MAY 5 PRESS CONFERENCE

1. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE KEY EXCERPTS FROM A JOINT PRESS BRIEFING BY FRG SPOKESMAN BOELLING AND SOVIET SPOKESMAN ZAMYATIN ON THE MAY 5 TETE-A-TETE BETWEEN SCHMIDT AND BREZHNEV.
2. BOELLING CHARACTERIZED THE MEETING IN VERY POSITIVE TERMS, SAYING IT HAD BEEN A PLUS FOR BOTH SIDES. HE SAID DISCUSSION HAD COVERED DISARMAMENT, I.E. SALT AND MBFR, AND BERLIN.
3. SALT: BOELLING SAID THE TWO LEADERS HAD HAD AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE STATUS OF SALT. BREZHNEV HAD

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NOTED THE STRONG SOVIET INTEREST IN A POSITIVE CONCLUSION OF THE NEGOTIATION. SCHMIDT HAD REPLIED THAT THE FRG SHARED THIS INTEREST AND HOPED THAT THE SUPER-POWERS WOULD SUCCEED IN SOLVING THE REMAINING OPEN QUESTIONS IN A RELATIVELY SHORT TIME AND IN A MANNER ACCEPTABLE TO ALL PARTIES INTERESTED IN SALT.

4. MBFR: SCHMIDT OUTLINED FOR BREZHNEV HIS LONGTIME PERSONAL INTEREST IN MBFR AND REITERATED HIS HOPE THAT SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS COULD BE ACHIEVED IN VIENNA IN THE NEAR FUTURE. SCHMIDT NOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PRINCIPLE OF PARITY IN MBFR AND SAID THE FRG WAS PREPARED TO TAKE PART IN STEPS THAT COULD RESULT IN CONCRETE REDUCTIONS.

5. BERLIN: BOELLING SAID THE TWO LEADERS HAD CONTINUED THEIR MAY 4 DIALOGUE ON BERLIN. BREZHNEV HAD MADE CLEAR THAT HE WAS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE BERLIN QUESTION ON THE BASIS OF THE QA. SCHMIDT, IN REPLY, EXPRESSED PLEASURE OVER BREZHNEV'S ASSESSMENT AND ADDED THAT IT WAS NOW IMPORTANT TO PASS THIS OPTIMISM ALONG TO ALL THOSE CONCERNED WITH THIS MATTER.

6. ZAMYATIN ADDED THAT THE VISIT APPEARED TO BE VERY USEFUL, SUBSTANTIVE AND NECESSARY. HE DESCRIBED THE MEETING AS VERY POSITIVE AND OPEN, IN THE CHARACTER OF A DIALOGUE. BREZHNEV HAD STRESSED THAT DISARMAMENT COULD NO LONGER BE DELAYED. HE HAD EMPHASIZED THAT IN PRACTICE DISARMAMENT WAS MOVING AHEAD VERY SLOWLY AND HE (BREZHNEV) HAD TOLD SCHMIDT WHY HE THOUGHT THIS WAS THE CASE. BREZHNEV HAD STRESSED THAT DISARMAMENT MUST BE PURSUED CONTINUOUSLY AND EVER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STRONGER.

7. IN A Q AND A SESSION WHICH DEALT LARGELY WITH BERLIN AND ERW BOTH SPOKESMEN ARE SAID TO HAVE REPEATED THE WELL-KNOWN POSITIONS OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS. STOESEL

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